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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #3 -- 2003 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2003 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California. The catcher/processor and non-tribal mothership fishery started on May 15. The shore-based season in most of the Eureka area (between 42°- 40°30' N. lat.) began on April 1, the fishery south of 40°30' N. lat. began on April 15 and the shore-based fishery north of 42° N. lat. began on June 15. The tribal fishery began on June 13, 2003.

	Allocation		Catch * (mt)	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons				
California (south of 42° N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	2,545	1,567		CA season started April 1; 5% alloc'n	
Oregon	--	NA	5,967			
Washington	--	NA	14,693			
<b>WOC shoreside</b>	42% commercial OY	<b>50,904</b>	22,227	6/28	started 0001 hrs 6/15/03	43.6%
<b>Mothership</b> (n. of 42 ° N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	<b>29,088</b>	26,021	6/7	started 0001 hrs 5/15/03	89.4%
<b>Catcher/processor</b> (n. of 42 ° N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	<b>41,208</b>	9,958	6/16	started 0001 hrs 5/15/03	24.1%
Total nontribal	the commercial OY is 82% of the total catch OY	121,200	58,206	7/8	--	48.0%
<b>Tribal (Makah)</b>	17% of the total catch OY	<b>25,000</b>	7,074	7/6	started 6/13/03	28.2%
Total directed fishing		146,200	65,280	7/8		44.6%
<b>Other</b> (research & incidental catch in non- groundfish fisheries)	1% of the total catch OY	<b>2,000</b>	unknown at this time			
Total	OY=optimum yield	148,200	65,280	--	--	44.0%

\* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the trip limit between the seasons. The data for at-sea processing (catcher/processors and motherships) are preliminary and are based on reports from NMFS-certified observers. Data for shoreside processors also are preliminary and are provided by each State to NMFS for the purpose of monitoring the fishery. If you have questions on shoreside landings, please contact the appropriate state fishery management agency. Preliminary data for the Makah fishery is from a NMFS-trained observer. All weights are round weight (the weight of the whole fish before processing) or round-weight equivalents. One metric ton is 2,204.6 pounds.